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MILK PRODUCTION

JULY 2000

Milk production in the **20 Major States** during July totaled 12.2 billion pounds, up 5 percent from production in these same states in July 1999. This increase is magnified by the unusually hot temperatures during July 1999 which lowered milk production per cow. June revised production, at 12.1 billion pounds was up 2.9 percent from June 1999.

Production per cow in the 20 major states averaged 1,557 pounds for July, 59 pounds above July 1999. The number of cows on farms was 7.83 million head, 83,000 head more than July 1999 and 24,000 head more than June 2000.

Milk Cows and Milk Production, 20 States

Item	July 1999	June 2000	July 2000
Milk Cows (1,000 head) <u>1/</u>	7,751	7,810	7,834
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) <u>2/</u>	1,498	1,547	1,557
Production (mil. lbs.) <u>2/</u> . . .	11,610	12,083	12,195

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

MINK PRODUCTION

1999

Mink pelt production in the United States in 1999 totaled 2.81 million pelts, down 4 percent from 1998. Wisconsin, the major mink producing State, produced 731,700 pelts.

By color class, the number of pelts as a percent of the total U.S. production follows: Standard - 37.9 percent; Mahogany - 25.6 percent; Gunmetal - 16.3 percent; Ranch Wild - 6.1 percent; Demi-buff - 3.8 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 10.3 percent.

Mink pelts produced during the 1999 crop year were valued at \$94.8 million dollars, up 30 percent from \$72.9 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 1999 crop year was \$33.70, up from \$24.80 in 1998.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2000 totaled 660,400, down 2 percent from the previous year. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2000 by color class are: Standard - 38.5 percent; Mahogany - 23.7 percent; Gunmetal - 17.4 percent; Sapphire - 5.0 percent; Ranch Wild - 4.8 percent;. The remaining color classes accounted for 10.6 percent.

There were 404 mink farms producing pelts in 1999, down 8 percent from a year ago. Leading States were Utah with 110 farms, Wisconsin with 82 farms and Minnesota with 40. There were 27 mink farms which also raised fox in 1999, down from 31 the previous year.

CROP PRODUCTION

AUGUST 1, 2000

COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production in Colorado remains forecast at 70.5 million bushels according to the Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service. This is unchanged from the July 1 forecast and 32 percent below the 1999 crop. Growers harvested an estimated 2.35 million acres with an average yield of 30.0 bushels. Barley production is forecast at 10.26 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year's crop. Acreage intended for harvest is up 9,000 acres from last year to 95,000 and yields are expected to average 108.0 bushels per acre, three bushels per acre above 1999.

Corn production in Colorado is expected to reach 166.05 million bushels this year. Growers intend to harvest 1,230,000 acres for grain, up 10 percent from the 1,120,000 acres harvested last year. Average yield is initially forecast at 135.0 bushels per acre, seven bushels below last year. The sorghum crop is expected to total 7.6 million bushels, down 12 percent from the 8.61 million bushels produced in 1999. Producers are expected to harvest 200,000 acres for

grain, a two percent decrease from 1999, with an average yield of 38.0 bushels per acre compared with 42.0 bushels last year. Dry bean production is forecast at 2.04 million cwt, down 26 percent from 2.76 million cwt in 1999. Expected area for harvest is 110,000 acres, down 35,000 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,850 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from last year. Sugar beet production is forecast at 1.29 million tons, eleven percent below last year's production. Yields are expected to average 21.1 tons per acre, down from 21.3 a year ago. The area for harvest is expected to reach 61,300 acres, down 7,200 acres from last year. Colorado farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 870,000 acres of alfalfa this year down 30,000 acres from 1999. They also expect to harvest 680,000 acres of other hay in 2000, up 60,000 acres from 1999. Alfalfa production is forecast at nearly 3.13 million tons and other hay is estimated at 1.16 million tons, down eight percent and down two percent from a year ago, respectively.

Colorado's apple production for this year is forecast at 38 million pounds. This is well above the severely freeze-shortened 1999 crop, but still well below a normal crop due to a mid-May freeze in Delta County earlier in the year. The peach crop forecast was carried forward at 21 million pounds, and pear production is forecast at 3100 tons. Peach and pear production is up considerably due to conditions that have been ideal this year following a near freeze-out last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production is placed at 2.26 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the July forecast but down 2 percent from 1999. Based on August 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 41.6 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushels from last month. The final winter wheat production forecast is 1.59 billion bushels. This is up slightly from last month, but down 6 percent from 1999. The U.S. yield is forecast at 45.0 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushels from last month. Acres for harvest as grain are forecast at 35.4 million, down slightly from 1999. Harvest progress in the 18 major producing states had reached 91 percent complete by July 30. This is 2 points ahead of last year and 4 points ahead of the average. Hard Red Winter (HRW) harvest was complete in the central and southern Great Plains. Harvest was complete in the Soft Red Winter (SRW) states.

Other Spring wheat production is forecast at 554 million bushels, up 5 percent from last month and 10 percent above 1999. Acreage intended for harvest is unchanged from last month. The U.S. yield is forecast at 36.8 bushels per acre, 1.9 bushels more than the July 1 forecast. Of the production total, 499 million is Hard Red Spring wheat, up 6 percent from last month. Harvested area for 2000 is forecast at 15.1 million acres, unchanged from last month, but up 2 percent from last year.

Oat production is estimated at 152.7 million bushels, 4 percent above last year's 146.2 million bushels. The estimated yield is 62.3 bushels per acre, up 1.1 bushels from 1999. If realized, this would be the third highest yield on record. Area for harvest dropped to 2.45 million acres, 20,000 acres below the previous estimate due to increased abandonment in Nebraska. Barley production for 2000 is forecast at 308 million bushels, up 9 percent from 1999 and 745,000 bushels higher than the July forecast. The August forecast for 2000 indicates producers expect to average 58.8 bushels per acre, a decrease of 0.4 bushel from last year, and 0.1 bushel higher than the July forecast. Area harvested, at 5.24 million acres, is 10 percent above the 4.76 million acres harvested in 1999, unchanged from the June Acreage Report. Even though expected yields are slightly lower in 2000, the increase in harvested acres has reversed the five-year trend of declining production.

Corn production is forecast at 10.4 billion bushels, up 10 percent from last year and up 6 percent from 1998. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 141.9 bushels per acre, up 8.1 bushels from last year. If realized this would be the largest production and highest yield on record since 1866 when corn estimates began. Grain harvested is estimated at 73.1 million acres, down 29,000 acres from June, but up 4 percent from 1999. Soybean production is forecast at a record high 2.99 billion bushels, up 13 percent from 1999 and 9 percent above the previous record of 2.74 billion bushels set in 1998. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 40.7 bushels per acre, up 4.2 bushels from 1999. This is the second highest yield since the 1994 record of 41.4 bushels per acre. Acreage for harvest is estimated at a record 73.5 million acres, up 1 percent from 1999 and unchanged from the June acreage estimate.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 25.8 million cwt for 2000, down 23 percent from 1999 and 15 percent below two years ago. This is the lowest since 1993, when production was 21.9 million cwt. In the June Acreage report, U.S. planted and harvested acreage were estimated at 1.77 and 1.65 million acres, respectively. Planted area is now estimated at 1.74 million acres, 14 percent below both 1999 and 1998. Harvested acres are expected to be 1.58 million acres, down 16 percent from last year and 18 percent below 1998. As of August 1, the average U. S. yield is forecast at 1,630 pounds per acre. Average yields are 140 pounds per acre below last year. Sugar beet production is forecast at 34.1 million tons. If realized, this would be a record production, exceeding last year's record by 2 percent. Growers in the twelve sugar beet-producing

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Acres, yield, and production, Colorado and United States, 1999-2000

Area and Crop	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Unit	Yield Per Acre		Production	
	1999	2000	1999	2000		1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres			Units per acre		1,000 units	
Colorado:									
All Corn <u>1/</u>	1,230	1,350	1,120	1,230	Bu.	142.0	135.0	159,040	166,050
All Sorghum <u>1/</u>	230	230	205	200	Bu.	42.0	38.0	8,610	7,600
All Wheat	2,653	2,548	2,450	2,396	Bu.	43.8	<u>4/</u>	107,200	<u>4/</u>
Winter Wheat	2,600	2,500	2,400	2,350	Bu.	43.0	30.0	103,200	70,500
Spring Wheat	53	48	50	46	Bu.	80.0	<u>4/</u>	4,000	<u>4/</u>
Oats	50	60	20	35	Bu.	65.0	<u>4/</u>	1,300	<u>4/</u>
Barley	95	100	86	95	Bu.	105.0	108.0	9,030	10,260
Proso Millet	250	190	240	<u>3/</u>	Bu.	34.0	<u>3/</u>	8,160	<u>3/</u>
All Hay .....	...	...	1,520	1,550	Tons	3.03	2.77	4,598	4,288
Alfalfa Hay .....	...	...	900	870	Tons	3.80	3.60	3,420	3,132
Other Hay .....	...	...	620	680	Tons	1.90	1.70	1,178	1,156
Sugar beets	72.1	71.3	68.5	61.3	Tons	21.3	21.1	1,459	1,293
Dry edible beans	155.0	120.0	145.0	110.0	Cwt.	19.00	18.50	2,755	2,035
Sunflowers, All	270	175	265	165	Lbs.	1,315	<u>5/</u>	348,450	<u>5/</u>
Sunflowers, Oil	175	120	172	113	Lbs.	1,350	<u>3/</u>	232,200	<u>3/</u>
Sunflowers, Non-Oil	95	55	93	52	Lbs.	1,250	<u>3/</u>	116,250	<u>3/</u>
All potatoes	84.8	83.9	84.3	83.5	Cwt.	334	<u>6/</u>	28,130	<u>6/</u>
Summer potatoes	7.6	8.1	7.4	7.9	Cwt.	320	340	2,368	2,686
Fall potatoes	77.2	75.8	76.9	75.6	Cwt.	335	<u>6/</u>	25,762	<u>6/</u>
Apples .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	8,000	38,000
Peaches .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	3,000	21,000
Pears .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	0.5	3.1
Tart Cherries .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	0.6	0.9
United States:									
All Corn <u>1/</u>	77,431	79,579	70,537	73,059	Bu.	133.8	141.9	9,437,337	10,369,369
All Sorghum <u>1/</u>	9,288	9,005	8,544	8,315	Bu.	69.7	69.5	595,166	577,831
All Wheat <u>2/</u>	62,814	62,946	53,909	54,445	Bu.	42.7	41.6	2,302,443	2,263,192
Winter Wheat	43,431	43,349	35,572	35,401	Bu.	47.8	45.0	1,699,989	1,594,321
Spring Wheat	15,348	15,547	14,768	15,058	Bu.	34.1	36.8	503,132	553,719
Oats	4,670	4,472	2,453	2,452	Bu.	59.6	62.3	146,218	152,745
Barley	5,223	5,702	4,758	5,235	Bu.	59.2	58.8	281,853	308,020
Rye	1,582	1,327	383	309	Bu.	28.7	<u>4/</u>	10,993	<u>4/</u>
Proso Millet	600	450	540	<u>3/</u>	Bu.	33.2	<u>3/</u>	17,910	<u>3/</u>
All Hay .....	...	...	63,160	62,191	Tons	2.52	2.46	159,077	153,255
Alfalfa Hay .....	...	...	23,985	23,767	Tons	3.50	3.32	83,924	78,796
Other Hay .....	...	...	39,175	38,424	Tons	1.92	1.94	75,153	74,459
Sugar beets	1,560.6	1,560.9	1,527.3	1,504.0	Tons	21.9	22.7	33,420	34,117
Dry edible beans	2,023.0	1,740.9	1,877.0	1,580.6	Cwt.	17.70	16.30	33,230	25,764
Sunflowers, All	3,553	2,866	3,441	2,775	Lbs.	1,262	<u>5/</u>	4,341,862	<u>5/</u>
Sunflowers, Oil	2,757	2,360	2,695	2,291	Lbs.	1,298	<u>3/</u>	3,497,820	<u>3/</u>
Sunflowers, Non-Oil	796	506	746	484	Lbs.	1,131	<u>3/</u>	844,042	<u>3/</u>
All potatoes	1,376.7	1,388.0	1,332.3	1,359.7	Cwt.	359	<u>6/</u>	478,109	<u>6/</u>
Summer potatoes	68.8	64.8	63.9	62.7	Cwt.	295	289	18,865	18,102
Fall potatoes	1,203.0	1,223.9	1,166.1	1,199.9	Cwt.	369	<u>6/</u>	429,847	<u>6/</u>
Soybeans	73,780	74,501	72,476	73,474	Bu.	36.5	40.7	2,642,908	2,988,669
Apples .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	10,579,600	10,677,100
Peaches .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	2,525,400	2,677,100
Pears .....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	1,020.45	1,001.10
Tart Cherries .....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	256,100	245,400

1/ Planted for all purposes; harvested for grain. 2/ Includes Durum Wheat. 3/ Jan. 11, 2001.

4/ September 29, 2000. 5/ October 12, 2000. 6/ November 9, 2000.

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states expect to harvest just over 1.5 million acres. This is about 23,000 acres below the previous forecast due to weather related abandonment of fields in Nebraska and Colorado. The yield is forecast at 22.7 tons per acre, 0.3 tons above 1999.

Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures production is forecast at 78.8 million tons, 6 percent below 1999. Yields are expected to average 3.32 tons per acre. Harvested area is 23.8 million acres, down less than 1 percent from 1999. All other hay production is forecast at 74.5 million tons, less than 1 percent below last year's record production. Yields are expected to average 1.94 tons per acre, slightly above last year's yield. Harvested area is estimated at 38.4 million acres, down 2 percent from the 39.2 million acres harvested in 1999. This year's acreage will be the second highest since 1962.

The first apple production forecast for the 2000 crop year is 10.7 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 1999 but 8 percent below 1998. The August 2000 peach crop forecast increased 9.0 million pounds from the July forecast to 2.68 billion pounds. This is up 6 percent from 1999 and 12 percent above two years ago. The U.S. pear production for 2000 is forecast at 1.00 million tons, 2 percent below 1999 but 3 percent above 1998.

TURKEY HATCHERY

Turkey **eggs in incubators** on August 1, 2000, in the United States totaled 31.1 million, down 3 percent from August 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were also down 9 percent from the July 1 total of 34.2 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North

Central, down 3 percent; West North Central, down 7 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 1 percent; South Central, up 1 percent; and West, down 2 percent.

The 27.1 million **poults placed** during July 2000 in the United States were up 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up slightly from the May total of 27.0 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 7 percent; West North Central, down 1 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 2 percent; South Central, down 7 percent; and West, up 23 percent.

UPCOMING REPORTS

Colorado and U.S. data from most of the following reports will appear in subsequent issues of AG UPDATE. However, those who have an immediate need for the data may call this office after 1:15 P.M. on the day of release - toll free 1-800-392-3202. The complete USDA report is also available on the Worldwide Web at:

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